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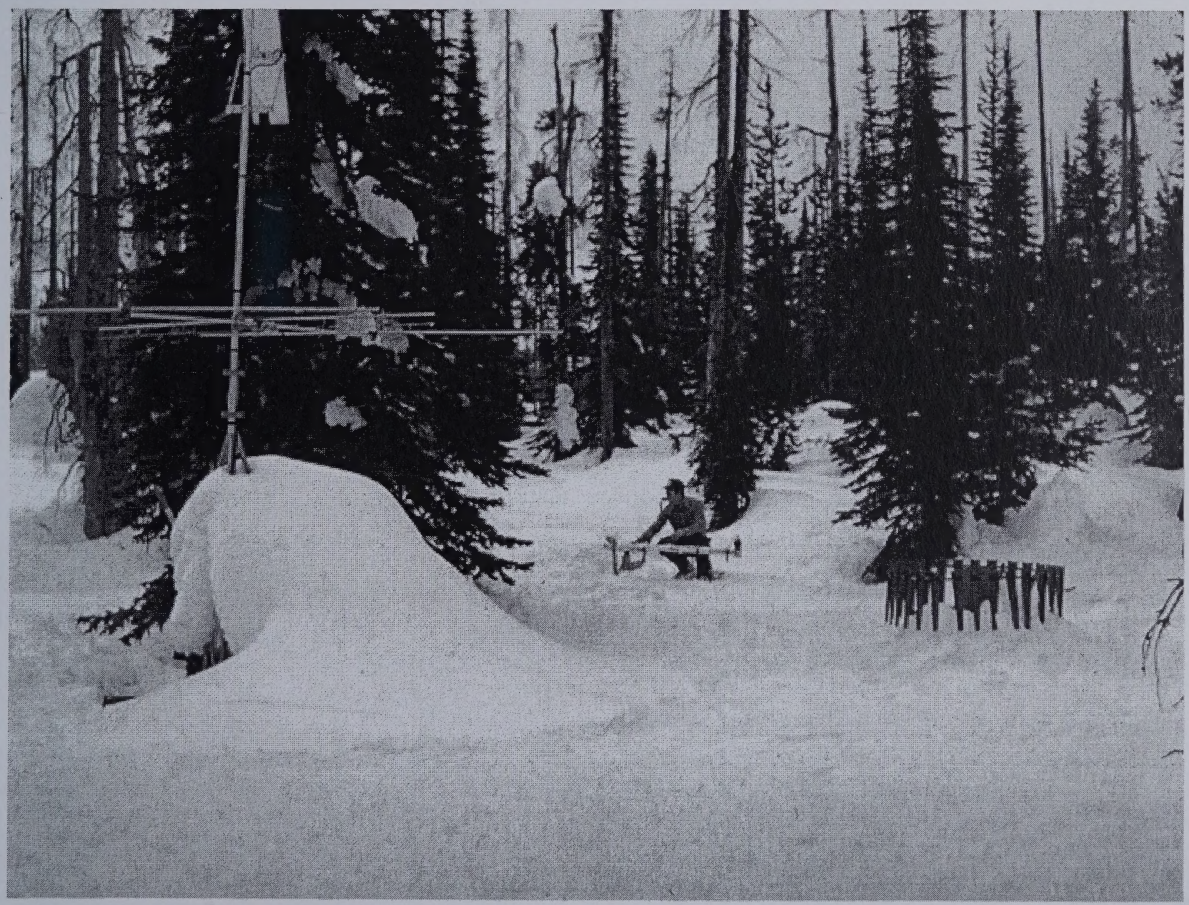
Montana Water Supply Outlook Report January 1, 2006



Picture: Black Bear SNOTEL Site - Winter of 1997

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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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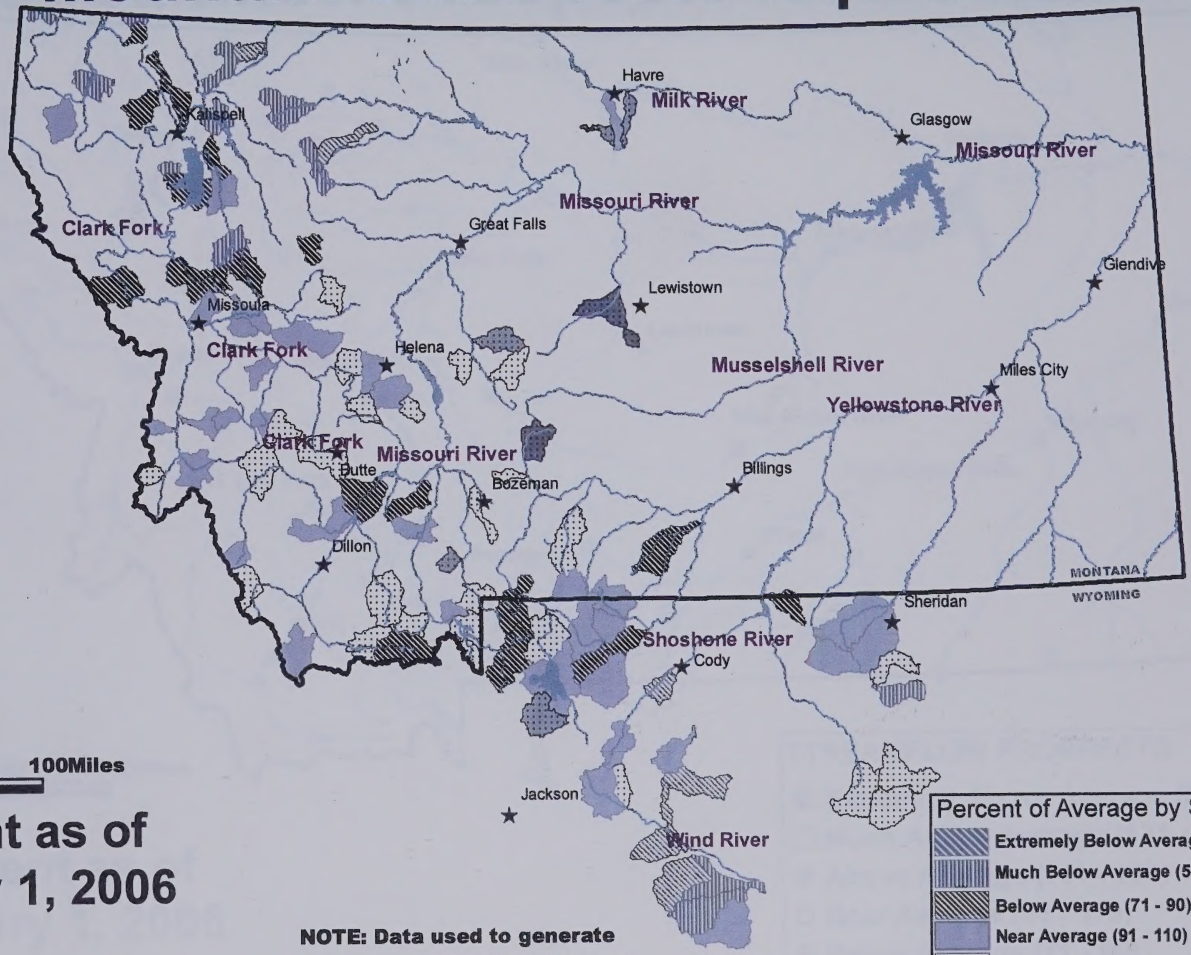
Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



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Streamflow Prospects for Montana

Current as of January 1, 2006

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STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS

- Extremely Above Average (Over150)
- Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- Above Average (111 - 130)
- Near Average (91 - 110)
- Below Average (71 - 90)
- Much Below Average (51 - 70)
- Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

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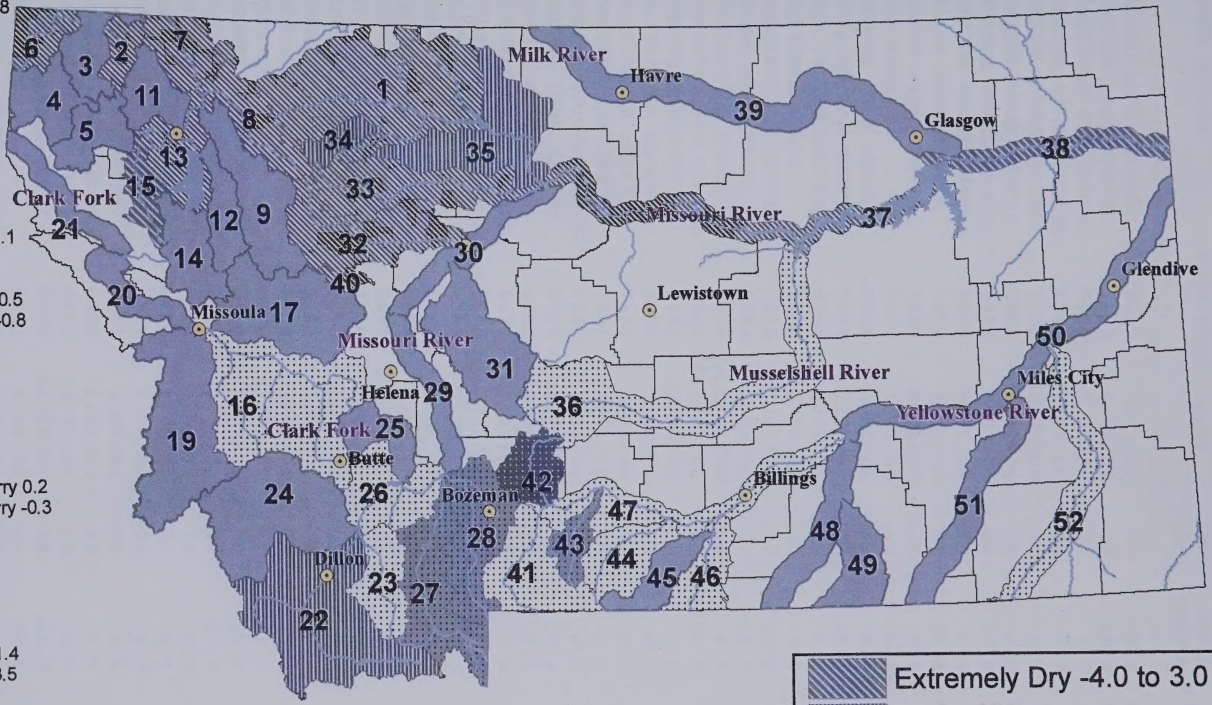
RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir -1.8
2 Tobacco -1.3
3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam -0.8
4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 0.8
5 Fisher -0.9
6 Yaak -1.7
7 North FK. Flathead -1.5
8 Middle FK. Flathead -1.7
9 South FK. Flathead 0.6
11 Stillwater/Whitefish -0.8
12 Swan 0.3
13 Flathead at Polson -1.6
14 Mission Valley -0.5
15 Little Bitterroot -3
16 Clark Fork above Milltown 1.1
17 Blackfoot -0.1
19 Bitterroot 0.6
20 Clark Fork below Bitterroot 0.5
21 Clark Fork below Flathead -0.8
22 Beaverhead -2.1
23 Ruby 1.1
24 Big Hole 0.4
25 Boulder (Jefferson) 0.8
26 Jefferson 1.2
27 Madison 2.1
28 Gallatin 2.1
29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 0.2
30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry -0.3
31 Smith 0.8
32 Sun -1.7
33 Teton -1.5
34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -2.9
35 Marias -2
36 Musselshell 1.6
37 Missouriabove Fort Peck -1.4
38 Missouribelow Fort Peck -3.5
39 Milk 0.2
40 Dearbornnear Craig -1.1
41 Yellowstone above Livingston 1.4
42 Shields 2.9
43 Boulder(Yellowstone) 2.5
44 Stillwater 1.1
45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks 0.5
46 Clarks Fork 1.3
47 Yellowstone above Bighorn 1.4
48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -0.2
49 Little Bighorn 0.4
50 Yellowstone below Bighorn 0.7
51 Tongue 0
52 Powder 1



Extremely Dry -4.0 to 3.0
Moderately Dry -2.9 to -2.0
Slightly Dry -1.9 to -1.0
Near Average -0.9 to 0.9
Sightly Wet 1.0 to 1.9
Moderately Wet 2.0 to 2.9
Extremely Wet 3.0 to 4.0
SWSI Not Apllicable

Current as of January 1, 2006

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SNOW COURSE AND SNOTEL SUMMARY

JANUARY 2006

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
ALBRO LAKE SNOTEL	8300	1/01/06	33	7.9	5.7	9.6
BADGER PASS SNOTEL	6900	1/01/06	36	10.0	9.1	15.2
BANFIELD MTN SNOTEL	5600	1/01/06	24	5.7	5.0	9.0
BARKER LAKES SNOTEL	8250	1/01/06	33	7.6	4.9	6.7
BASIN CREEK SNOTEL	7180	1/01/06	21	4.7	2.3	3.7
BEAGLE SPGS SNOTEL	8850	1/01/06	21	4.0	4.0	3.7
BEAVER CREEK SNOTEL	7850	1/01/06	44	9.9	7.9	7.9
BISSON CREEK SNOTEL	4920	1/01/06	13	4.0	3.0	4.5
BLACK BEAR SNOTEL	7950	1/01/06	89	24.4	17.4	17.2
BLACK PINE SNOTEL	7100	1/01/06	21	5.1	3.5	5.2
BLACKTAIL	5650	1/01/06	---	4.2E	3.8	6.8
BLOODY DICK SNOTEL	7550	1/01/06	22	5.4	3.0	5.6
BOULDER MTN SNOTEL	7950	1/01/06	42	11.1	5.7	9.1
BOX CANYON SNOTEL	6700	1/01/06	20	5.4	2.9	4.5
BOXELDER CREEK	5100	12/28/05	17	5.0	1.0	3.4
BRACKETT CR SNOTEL	7320	1/01/06	35	10.3	8.8	8.9
BURNT MTN SNOTEL	5880	1/01/06	3	1.7	1.0	--
CALVERT CR SNOTEL	6430	1/01/06	19	4.9	2.2	3.9
CARROT BASIN SNOTEL	9000	1/01/06	63	15.8	11.0	13.1
CHESSMAN RESERVOIR	6200	12/28/05	2	.6	.5	1.5
CLOVER MDW SNOTEL	8800	1/01/06	37	8.8	7.2	8.1
COLE CREEK SNOTEL	7850	1/01/06	21	5.3	4.3	7.5
COMBINATION SNOTEL	5600	1/01/06	6	2.3	.8	2.2
COPPER BOTTOM SNOTEL	5200	1/01/06	13	4.0	.7	5.3
COPPER CAMP SNOTEL	6950	1/01/06	55	19.6	16.1	13.7
COYOTE HILL	4200	12/29/05	14	3.1	1.9	4.3
CRYSTAL LAKE SNOTEL	6050	1/01/06	34	10.4	4.3	5.4
DAISY PEAK SNOTEL	7600	1/01/06	24	5.1	3.0	4.7
DALY CREEK SNOTEL	5780	1/01/06	14	4.9	3.9	4.9
DARKHORSE LK. SNOTEL	8700	1/01/06	51	14.2	10.6	13.9
DEADMAN CR SNOTEL	6450	1/01/06	25	6.7	3.8	4.6
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	12/30/05	21	4.3	2.8	4.2
DIVIDE SNOTEL	7800	1/01/06	28	5.8	4.9	4.8
DIX HILL	6400	1/01/06	21	5.3	2.3	4.5
DUPUYER CREEK SNOTEL	5750	1/01/06	2	.8	1.0	4.4
EMERY CREEK SNOTEL	4350	1/01/06	22	4.4	4.0	7.0
FISH CREEK	8000	12/21/05	17	3.7	1.2	4.4
FISHER CREEK SNOTEL	9100	1/01/06	80	21.4	12.0	16.3
FLATTOP MTN SNOTEL	6300	1/01/06	52	13.8	17.0	21.4
FROHNER MDWS SNOTEL	6480	1/01/06	14	3.6	3.1	3.4
GARVER CREEK SNOTEL	4250	1/01/06	17	3.5	3.4	5.2
GRAVE CRK SNOTEL	4300	1/01/06	21	5.6	5.3	7.7
HAND CREEK SNOTEL	5030	1/01/06	15	4.2	2.6	5.9
HAWKINS LAKE SNOTEL	6450	1/01/06	32	7.6	8.2	12.4
HEBGEN DAM	6550	12/30/05	21	3.8	4.1	4.8
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	12/29/05	40	10.2	10.8	13.4
HOLBROOK	4530	1/01/06	---	2.6e	1.6	4.2
HOODOO BASIN SNOTEL	6050	1/01/06	67	17.1	12.3	19.3
JOHNSON PARK	6450	12/30/05	15	2.2	1.3	2.8
KRAFT CREEK SNOTEL	4750	1/01/06	16	4.6	3.4	6.9
LAKEVIEW RDG. SNOTEL	7400	1/01/06	24	4.6	6.8	5.1
LEMHI RIDGE SNOTEL	8100	1/01/06	25	5.8	4.6	4.7
LICK CREEK SNOTEL	6860	1/01/06	20	6.1	3.8	5.3
LONE MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	8880	1/01/06	49	11.1	7.1	7.9
LOWER TWIN SNOTEL	7900	1/01/06	34	8.4	6.6	8.8
LUBRECHT SNOTEL	4680	1/01/06	7	2.1	.8	2.6
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3	5450	12/28/05	10	1.9	.8	2.7
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 4	4650	12/28/05	5	1.3	.6	1.4
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 6	4040	12/28/05	8	1.6	.4	1.6
LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT	4200	12/28/05	12	3.0	1.0	2.5
MADISON PLT SNOTEL	7750	1/01/06	54	12.6	9.7	11.2

Precipitation

December mountain and valley precipitation across the state was 98 percent of average and 129 percent of last year, while the water year precipitation was 113 percent of average and 142 percent of last year.

West of the Continental Divide, December mountain and valley precipitation was 91 percent of average and 122 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 99 percent of average and 126 percent of last year. East of the Divide, December mountain and valley precipitation was 105 percent of average and 135 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 125 percent of average and 154 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	DECEMBER % OF AVERAGE	WATER YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	91	99
KOOTENAI	80	94
FLATHEAD	90	98
UPPER CLARK FORK	94	103
BITTERROOT	107	107
LOWER CLARK FORK	93	97
MISSOURI	103	123
JEFFERSON	107	124
MADISON	123	128
GALLATIN	124	138
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	93	118
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	109	140
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	57	81
MILK	56	80
ST. MARY	86	83
YELLOWSTONE	78	84
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	112	122
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	111	119
STATE-WIDE	98	113

Reservoirs

Major reservoir storages state-wide were 81 percent of average and 120 percent of last year.

Reservoir storage west of the Continental Divide was 117 percent of average and 99 percent of last year. East of the Continental Divide, reservoir storages were 68 percent of average and 138 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	117	99
KOOTENAI	123	101
FLATHEAD	113	96
UPPER CLARK FORK	105	118
BITTERROOT	81	158
LOWER CLARK FORK	103	103
MISSOURI	67	139
JEFFERSON	72	142
MADISON	114	98
GALLATIN	--	--
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	64	146
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	82	110
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	100	255
MILK	97	105
ST. MARY	151	106
YELLOWSTONE	79	91
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	115	104
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	102	131
STATE-WIDE	81	120

Streamflow

Across Montana, streamflows are forecast to average between 80 and 96 percent, for the period April 1 through July 31, and are much improved from those issued last year at this same time.

West of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average between 82 and 96 percent and east of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average between 79 and 98 percent.

Below are the River Basin streamflow forecasts for the period April 1 through July 31. THESE FORECASTS ASSUME NEAR NORMAL MOISTURE AND RUNOFF CONDITIONS JANUARY THROUGH JULY AND DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR WELL BELOW AVERAGE (70% or less) OR ABOVE AVERAGE (110% or more) SNOWMELT OR SPRING RAIN.

RIVER BASIN	April-July THIS YEAR % OF AVERAGE	April-July LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	82 to 96	58 to 72
KOOTENAI	68 to 81	68 to 82
FLATHEAD	80 to 90	63 to 72
UPPER CLARK FORK	89 to 106	49 to 67
BITTERROOT	91 to 106	61 to 75
LOWER CLARK FORK	78 to 93	55 to 69
MISSOURI	74 to 96	47 to 65
JEFFERSON	66 to 86	33 to 52
MADISON	103 to 112	78 to 87
GALLATIN	106 to 118	70 to 82
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	87 to 101	51 to 66
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	104 to 127	42 to 62
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	47 to 68	43 to 62
MILK	46 to 92	52 to 77
ST. MARY	67 to 75	77 to 85
YELLOWSTONE	91 to 103	68 to 81
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	98 to 111	70 to 82
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	79 to 93	66 to 79
STATE-WIDE	80 to 96	56 to 71

NOTE: The *APRIL-JULY LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE* column above, is what was forecast last year, **not** what actually occurred.

Surface Water Supply Index

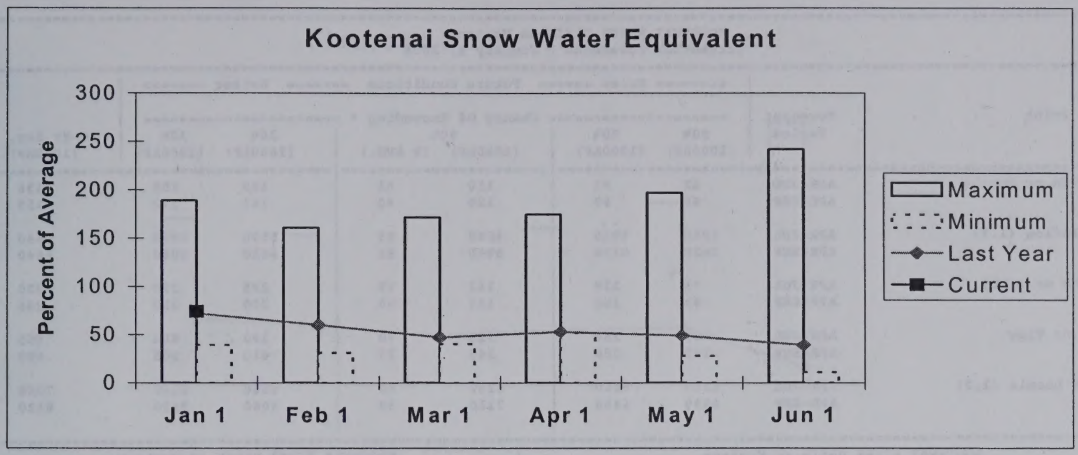
The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is a measure of available surface water availability for the spring and summer months. Water users that rely on mountain precipitation can use the index to evaluate seasonal surface water supplies. The SWSI accounts for mountain snowpack, mountain precipitation, streamflow, reservoir storage, and soil moisture.

SWSI RATING	SURFACE WATER CONDITION
+3.0 to +4.0	Extremely Wet
+2.0 to +3.0	Moderately Wet
+1.0 to +2.0	Slightly Wet
-1.0 to +1.0	Near Average
-1.0 to -2.0	Slightly Dry
-2.0 to -3.0	Moderately Dry
-3.0 to -4.0	Extremely Dry

This year SWSI	Last year SWSI	Basin
-1.3	-1.8	Tobacco River
-0.8	-2.5	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
+0.8	-1.2	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
-0.9	-2.5	Fisher River
-1.7	-1.2	Yaak River
-1.5	-1.7	North Fork Flathead River
-1.7	-2.9	Middle FORK Flathead River
+0.6	-1.3	South Fork Flathead River
-0.1	-1.8	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
-0.8	-2.0	Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
+0.3	-2.2	Swan River
-1.6	-2.2	Flathead River at Polson
-0.5	-3.8	Mission Valley
-3.0	-3.9	Little Bitterroot River
+1.1	-1.4	Clark Fork River above Milltown
-0.1	-2.1	Blackfoot River
+0.6	-2.1	Bitterroot River
+0.5	-2.0	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
-0.8	-2.1	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
-2.1	-3.7	Beaverhead River
+1.1	-1.4	Ruby River
+0.4	-2.1	Big Hole River
+0.8	-2.2	Boulder River (Jefferson)
+1.2	-2.2	Jefferson River
+2.1	-1.4	Madison River
+2.1	-1.3	Gallatin River
+0.2	-2.3	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
-0.3	-3.9	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+0.8	-1.5	Smith River
-1.7	-3.5	Sun River
-1.5	-1.7	Teton River
-2.9	-3.0	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
-1.8	-2.2	Marias River above Tiber
-2.0	-2.2	Marias River below Tiber
+1.6	-2.4	Musselshell River
-1.4	-3.2	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
-3.5	-4.0	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
+0.2	-1.0	Milk River
-1.1	-2.4	Dearborn River near Craig
+1.4	-2.7	Yellowstone River above Livingston
+2.9	-1.5	Shields River
+2.5	-2.6	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
+1.1	-2.5	Stillwater River
+0.5	-1.3	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+1.3	-2.9	Clarks Fork River
+1.4	-2.7	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
-0.2	-2.1	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
+0.4	-3.0	Little Bighorn River
+0.7	-2.4	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
0.0	-2.0	Tongue River
+1.0	-1.1	Powder River

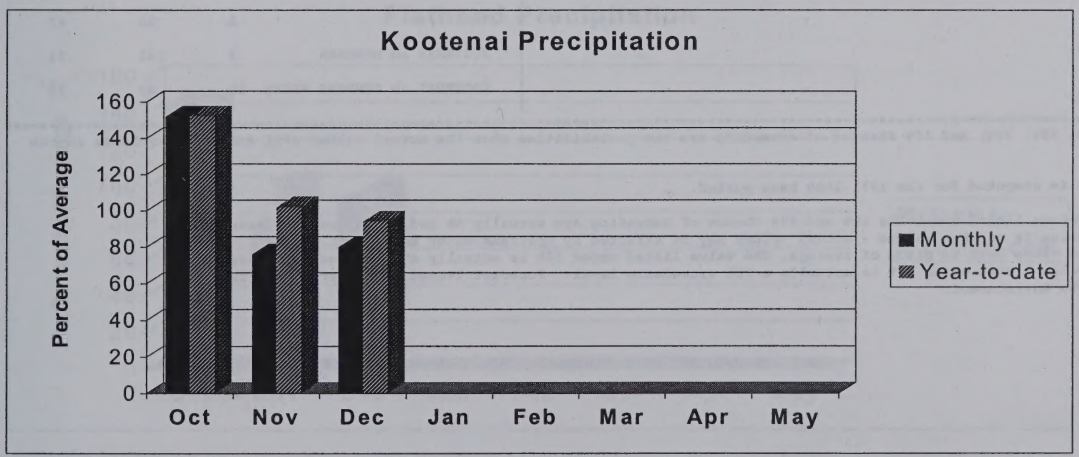
Kootenai River Basin in Montana

Snowpack conditions in the Kootenai River Basin were below average. Snow water content was 74 percent of average and 101 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977and 2005; May maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 81 percent of average and 94 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 77 percent of average and 101 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 94 percent of average and 102 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 68 percent to 81 percent.

Lake Koocanusa storage was 123 percent of average and 101 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.3 in the Tobacco River; -0.8 in the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; +0.8 in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; -0.9 in the Fisher River; and -1.7 in the Yaak River.

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
TOBACCO RIVER nr Eureka	APR-JUL	62	91	110	81	129	158	136
	APR-SEP	68	99	120	80	141	172	150
LIBBY RES Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	2950	4330	4960	88	5590	6970	5640
	APR-SEP	3620	5150	5840	88	6530	8060	6640
FISHER RIVER nr Libby	APR-JUL	73	138	182	79	225	290	230
	APR-SEP	83	150	196	80	240	310	245
YAAK RIVER nr Troy	APR-JUL	169	260	325	70	390	480	465
	APR-SEP	185	280	345	70	410	505	490
KOOTENAI at Leonia (1,2)	APR-JUL	4360	5660	6250	89	6840	8140	7040
	APR-SEP	4490	6360	7210	89	8060	9930	8120

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LAKE KOOCANUSA	5748.0	3787.0	3740.0	3090.1

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
KOOTENAY in CANADA	6	75	61
KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	3	109	76
TOBACCO	3	90	76
FISHER	1	162	71
YAAK	2	96	63
KOOTENAI in MONTANA	9	101	74
KOOTENAI ab BONNERS FERRY	15	89	70

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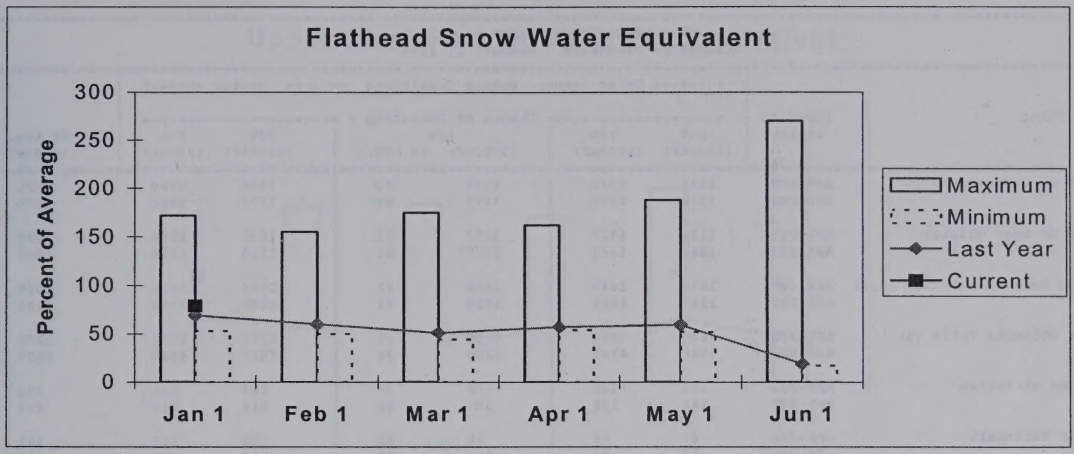
Flathead River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Flathead River Basin were below average. Snow water content was 79 percent of average and 113 percent of last year.



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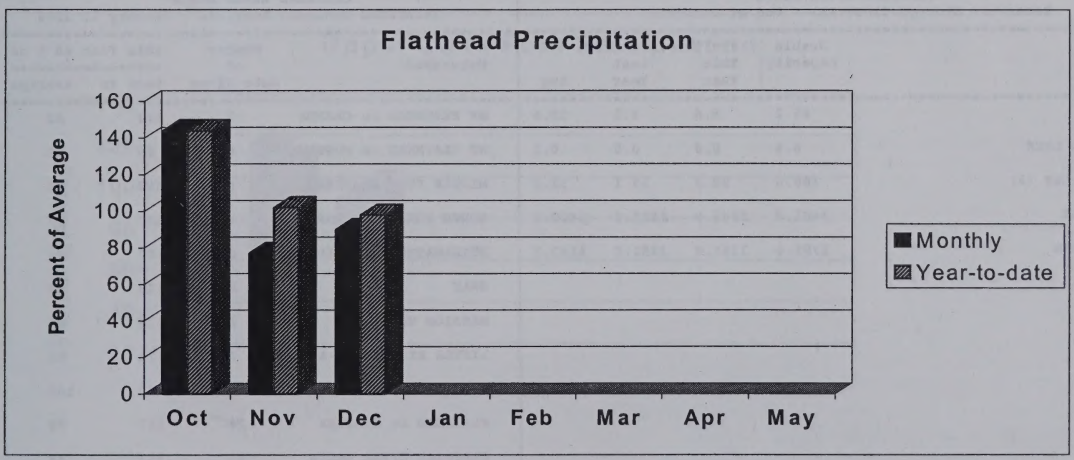
Mountain precipitation during December was 104 percent of average and 113 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 100 percent of average and 130 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 98 percent of average and 109 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 80 percent to 90 percent.

Combined Camas reservoir storage was 29 percent of average and 133 percent of last year; Lower Jocko Lake was 0 percent of average and the same as last year; combined Mission Valley reservoir storage was 87 percent of average and 72 percent of last year; Hungry Horse storage was at 122 percent of average and 97 percent of last year; and Flathead Lake storage was 97 percent of average and 93 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.5 in the North Fork Flathead River; -1.7 in the Middle Fork Flathead River; 0.6 in the South Fork Flathead River; -0.1in the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; -0.8 in the Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers; 0.3 in the Swan River; -1.6 in the Flathead River at Polson; -0.5 in the Mission Valley; and -3.0 in the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

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NF FLATHEAD nr Columbia Falls	APR-JUL	1130	1330	1460	90	1590	1790	1620
	APR-SEP	1260	1470	1620	90	1770	1980	1800
MF FLATHEAD nr West Glacier	APR-JUL	1125	1320	1450	91	1580	1770	1590
	APR-SEP	1240	1440	1580	91	1720	1920	1740
HUNGRY HORSE Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	1210	1640	1840	92	2040	2470	2000
	APR-SEP	1100	1660	1920	91	2180	2740	2120
FLATHEAD at Columbia Falls (2)	APR-JUL	3620	4350	4850	91	5350	6080	5350
	APR-SEP	3940	4740	5280	91	5820	6620	5820
STILLWATER nr Whitefish	APR-JUL	101	140	166	87	191	231	192
	APR-SEP	113	155	184	88	214	254	210
WHITEFISH nr Kalispell	APR-JUL	67	82	92	91	102	117	101
	APR-SEP	75	92	104	91	116	133	114
ASHLEY CREEK nr Marion (2)	APR-JUL	3.0	4.7	5.8	81	6.9	8.6	7.2
	MARCH			0.9	81			1.1
SWAN RIVER nr Bigfork	APR-JUL	415	500	555	98	610	695	565
	APR-SEP	485	575	635	98	695	785	645
Flathead Lake inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	3880	5150	5730	93	6310	7580	6180
	APR-SEP	4210	5590	6210	93	6830	8210	6700

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
CAMAS (4)	45.2	5.6	4.2	19.5
LOWER JOCKO LAKE	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
MISSION VALLEY (8)	100.0	28.3	39.1	32.6
HUNGRY HORSE	3451.0	2946.0	3022.0	2420.9
FLATHEAD LAKE	1791.0	1161.0	1251.0	1192.7

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	1	123	58
NF FLATHEAD in MONTANA	6	88	69
MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	5	100	63
SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	6	117	82
STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	2	107	75
SWAN	6	113	87
MISSION VALLEY	3	118	85
LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	1	111	62
JOCKO	4	140	100
FLATHEAD in MONTANA	24	113	79
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN	25	113	78

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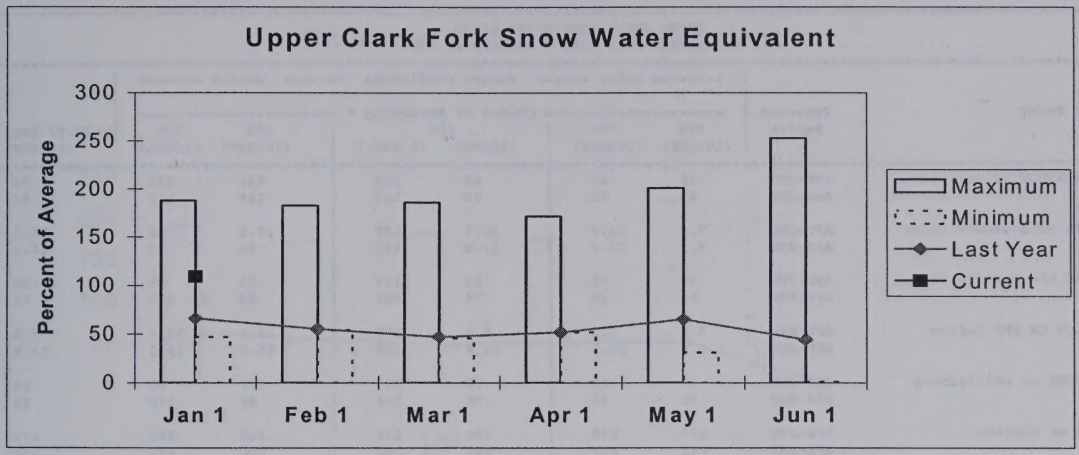
Upper Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were above average. Snow water content was 109 percent of average and 164 percent of last year.



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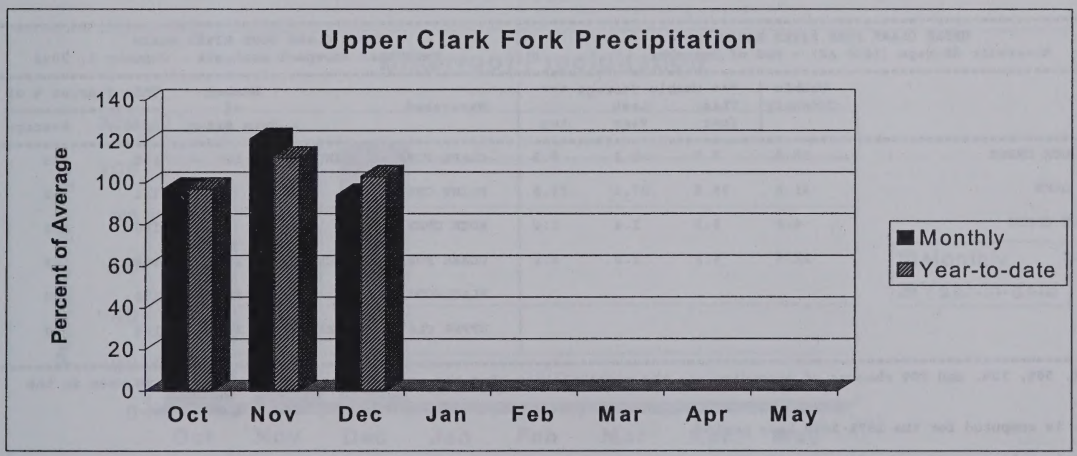
Mountain precipitation during December was 94 percent of average and 141 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 96 percent of average and 131 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 103 percent of average and 154 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 89 percent to 106 percent.

East Fork Rock Creek storage was 91 percent of average and 142 percent of last year; Georgetown Lake was 105 percent of average and 107 percent of last year; Lower Willow Creek storage was 138 percent of average and 157 percent of last year; and Nevada Creek storage was 117 percent of average and 153 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 1.1 in the Clark Fork River above Milltown; and -0.1 in the Blackfoot River.

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

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LITTLE BLACKFOOT nr Garrison	APR-JUL	39	64	82	108	100	125	76
	APR-SEP	45	72	90	107	108	135	84
FLINT CREEK nr Southern Cross	APR-JUL	7.8	11.9	14.7	107	17.5	22	13.7
	APR-SEP	8.8	13.9	17.4	107	21	26	16.2
FLINT CREEK blw Boulder Ck	APR-JUL	35	50	60	107	70	85	56
	APR-SEP	46	64	76	107	88	106	71
LOWER WILLOW CK RES Inflow	APR-MAY	5.0	7.3	8.8	107	10.3	12.6	8.2
	APR-JUL	6.0	10.1	12.8	102	15.5	19.1	12.5
MF ROCK CREEK nr Philipsburg	APR-JUL	46	59	68	106	77	90	64
	APR-SEP	52	66	76	106	86	100	72
ROCK CREEK nr Clinton	APR-JUL	205	260	300	111	340	395	270
	APR-SEP	235	300	340	112	380	445	305
CLARK FORK abv Milltown	APR-JUL	390	555	670	111	785	950	605
	APR-SEP	465	650	775	110	900	1080	705
NEVADA CREEK nr Helmville	APR-MAY	5.6	8.3	10.1	98	11.9	14.6	10.3
	APR-JUL	8.7	13.3	16.5	95	19.5	25	17.3
BLACKFOOT RIVER nr Bonner	APR-JUL	545	700	805	100	910	1065	805
	APR-SEP	620	785	895	101	1005	1170	890
CLARK FORK abv Missoula	APR-JUL	950	1270	1480	105	1690	2010	1410
	APR-SEP	1105	1450	1680	105	1910	2260	1600

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
EAST FORK ROCK CREEK	15.6	7.5	5.3	8.2
GEORGETOWN LAKE	31.0	29.5	27.5	28.0
LOWER WILLOW CREEK	4.9	2.2	1.4	1.6
NEVADA CREEK	12.6	4.9	3.2	4.2

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
CLARK FORK ab FLINT CREEK	10	195	115
FLINT CREEK	5	171	112
ROCK CREEK	3	186	116
CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	15	188	113
BLACKFOOT	14	150	105
UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	27	164	109

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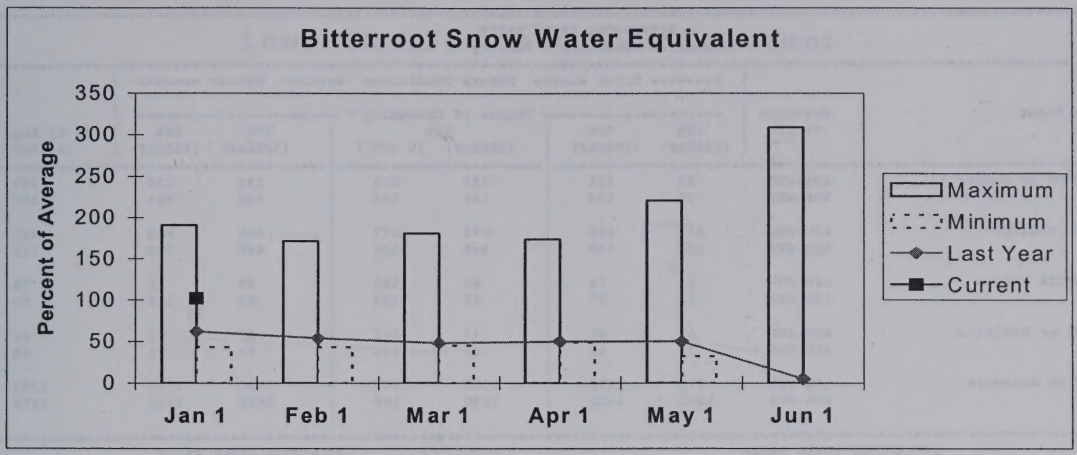
Bitterroot River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Bitterroot River Basin were near average. Snow water content was 102 percent of average and 164 percent of last year.



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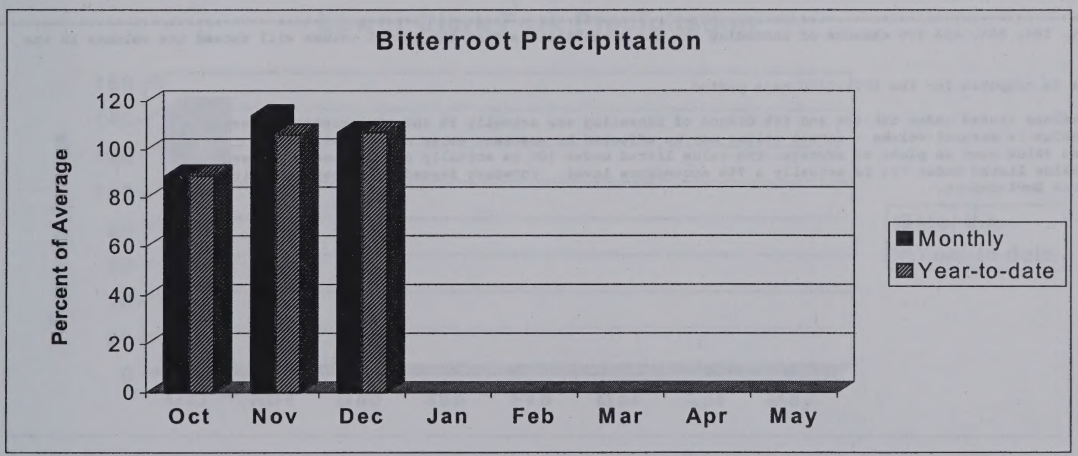
Mountain precipitation during December was 107 percent of average and 155 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 113 percent of average and 230 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 107 percent of average and 172 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 91 percent to 106 percent.

Painted Rocks Lake storage was 101 percent of average and 119 percent of last year and Como storage was 64 percent of average and 44 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.6 in the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

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WF BITTERROOT nr Conner (2)	APR-JUL	88	125	150	105	175	210	143
	APR-SEP	99	138	164	105	190	231	157
BITTERROOT nr Darby	APR-JUL	315	420	490	107	560	665	460
	APR-SEP	365	470	545	106	620	725	515
COMO RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	61	72	80	103	88	99	78
	APR-SEP	66	77	85	104	93	104	82
SKALKAHO CK nr Hamilton	APR-JUL	31	41	47	107	53	63	44
	APR-SEP	37	47	54	108	61	71	50
BITTERROOT at Missoula	APR-JUL	915	1170	1350	108	1530	1790	1250
	APR-SEP	1050	1310	1480	108	1650	1910	1370

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
PAINTED ROCKS LAKE	31.7	7.6	6.4	7.5
COMO	34.9	5.7	13.0	8.9

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WEST FORK BITTERROOT	2	173	109
EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	166	105
WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	158	98
BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN	7	164	102

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Lower Clark Fork River Basin

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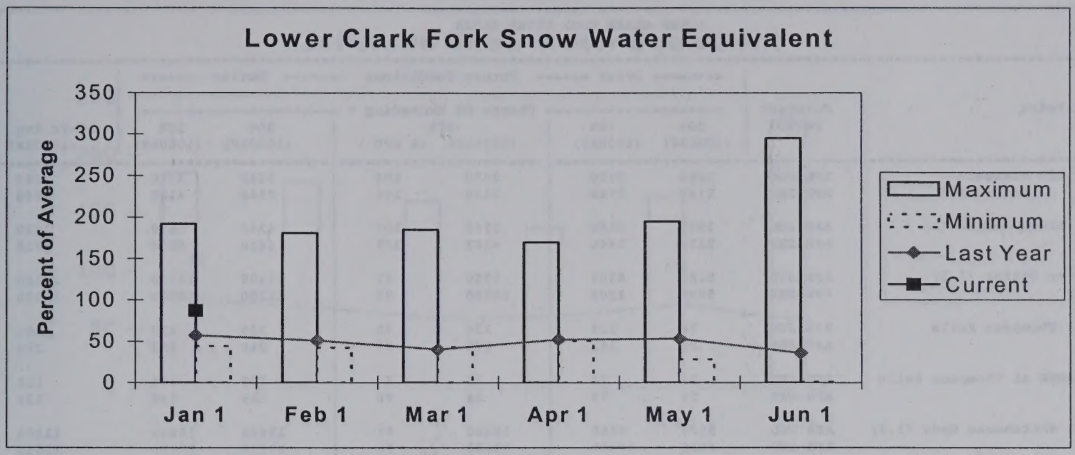

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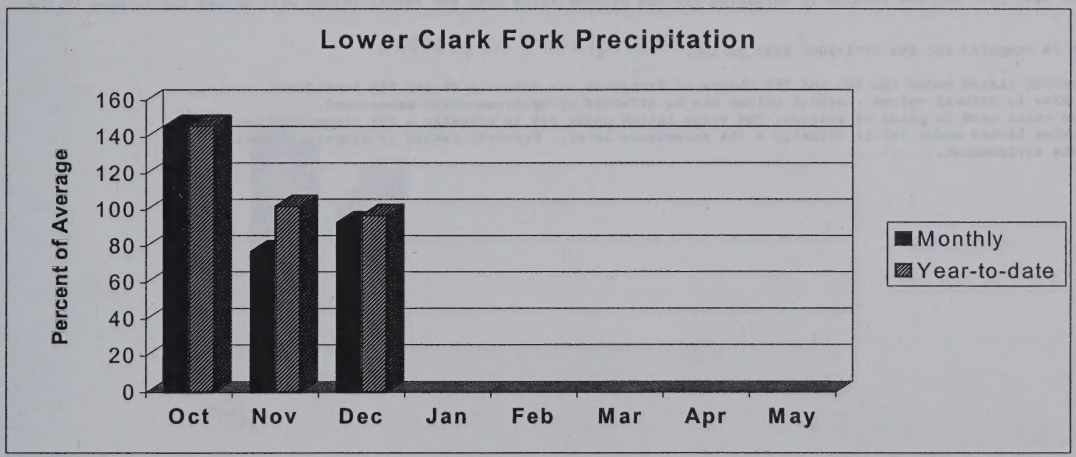
Mountain precipitation during December was 96 percent of average and 130 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 84 percent of average and 129 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 97 percent of average and 132 percent of last year.



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Noxon Rapids storage was 103 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.5 in the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and -0.8 in the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

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CLARK FORK blw Missoula	APR-JUL	1890	2450	2830	106	3210	3770	2660
	APR-SEP	2180	2760	3150	106	3540	4120	2960
CLARK FORK at St. Regis (1)	APR-JUL	1910	3180	3760	107	4340	5610	3520
	APR-SEP	2130	3540	4180	107	4820	6230	3910
CLARK FORK nr Plains (1,2)	APR-JUL	5380	8380	9750	97	11120	14120	10100
	APR-SEP	5890	9200	10700	96	12200	15510	11100
THOMPSON nr Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	78	123	154	75	185	230	205
	APR-SEP	94	142	175	76	210	255	230
PROSPECT CREEK at Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	51	72	86	74	100	121	116
	APR-SEP	58	79	94	76	109	130	124
CLARK FK at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	APR-JUL	5970	9360	10900	97	12440	15830	11300
	APR-SEP	6570	10310	12000	96	13690	17430	12500

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
NOXON RAPIDS	335.0	324.6	316.6	315.8

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
LOWER CLARK FORK BASIN	8	152	87

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Jefferson River Basin

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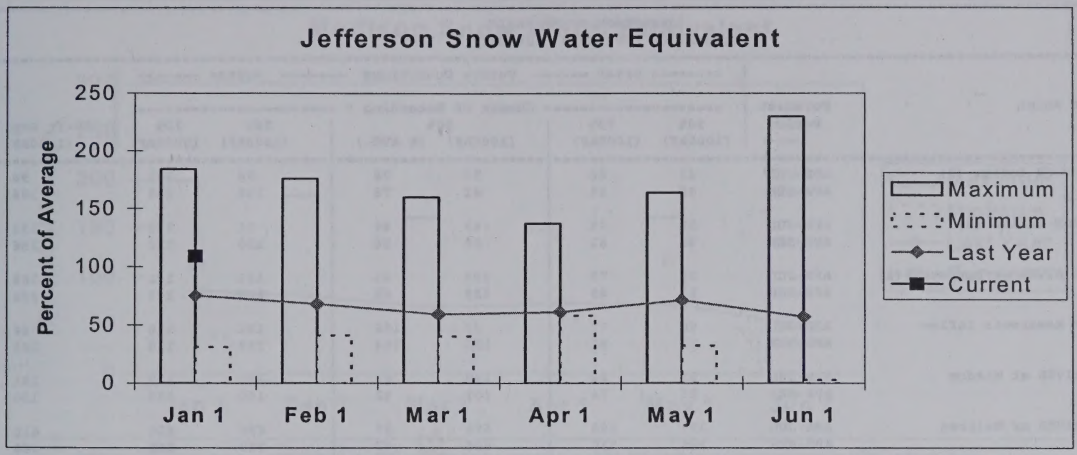

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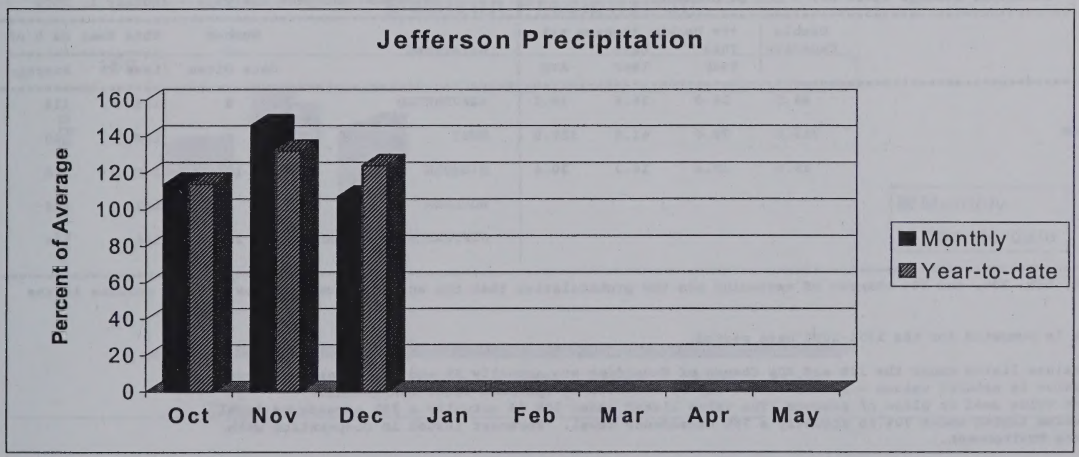
Mountain precipitation during December was 107 percent of average and 124 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 108 percent of average and 179 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 124 percent of average and 166 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 66 percent to 86 percent.

Lima storage was 112 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; Clark Canyon storage was 57 percent of average and 188 percent of last year; and Ruby River storage was 112 percent of average and 125 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -2.1 in the Beaverhead River; 1.1 in the Ruby River; 0.4 in the Big Hole River; 0.8 in the Boulder River; and 1.2 in the Jefferson River as a whole.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

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LIMA RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	43	60	75	78	94	131	96
	APR-SEP	45	64	81	78	103	145	104
CLARK CANYON Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	22	41	63	48	96	179	131
	APR-SEP	36	62	90	58	130	222	156
BEAVERHEAD RIVER at Barretts (2)	APR-JUL	25	75	108	64	141	191	168
	APR-SEP	31	89	129	65	169	225	200
RUBY RIVER Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	60	77	89	106	101	118	84
	APR-SEP	72	92	105	104	118	138	101
BIG HOLE RIVER at Wisdom	APR-JUL	22	68	100	83	132	179	121
	APR-SEP	25	74	107	82	140	190	130
BIG HOLE RIVER nr Melrose	APR-JUL	330	490	590	97	695	850	610
	APR-SEP	365	530	640	97	750	915	660
BOULDER RIVER nr Boulder	APR-JUL	35	63	82	105	101	129	78
	APR-SEP	37	67	88	104	109	139	85
WILLOW CREEK Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	3.0	10.8	16.0	89	21	29	17.9
	APR-SEP	3.0	11.8	17.8	89	24	33	20
JEFFERSON RIVER nr Three Forks (2)	APR-JUL	430	665	825	106	990	1220	780
	APR-SEP	475	730	900	105	1070	1320	860

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LIMA	84.0	36.0	36.6	32.2
CLARK CANYON	255.6	78.6	41.8	137.5
RUBY RIVER	38.8	22.8	18.3	20.4

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
BEAVERHEAD	8	125	114
RUBY	5	128	100
BIGHOLE	10	169	110
BOULDER	6	192	106
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	24	146	109

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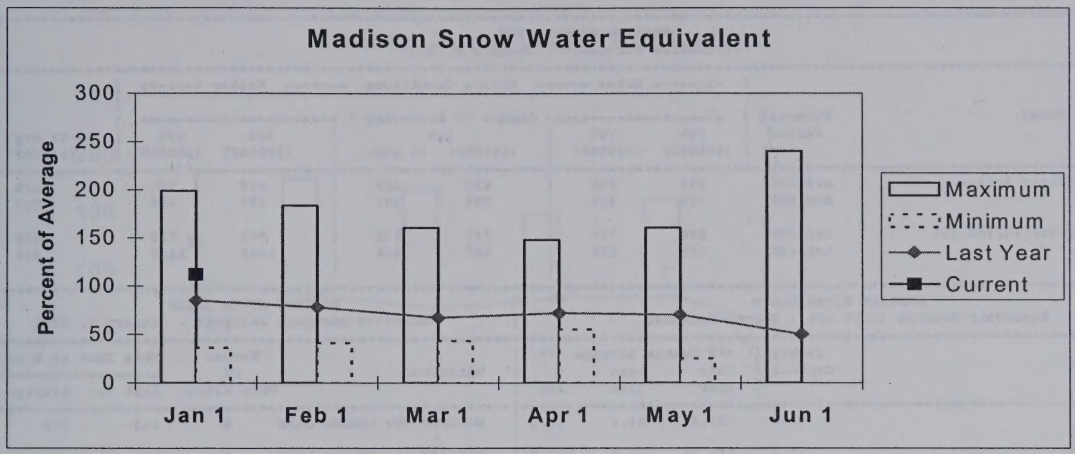
Madison River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Madison River Basin were above average and ranks twelfth highest of record. Snow water content was 112 percent of average and 132 percent of last year.



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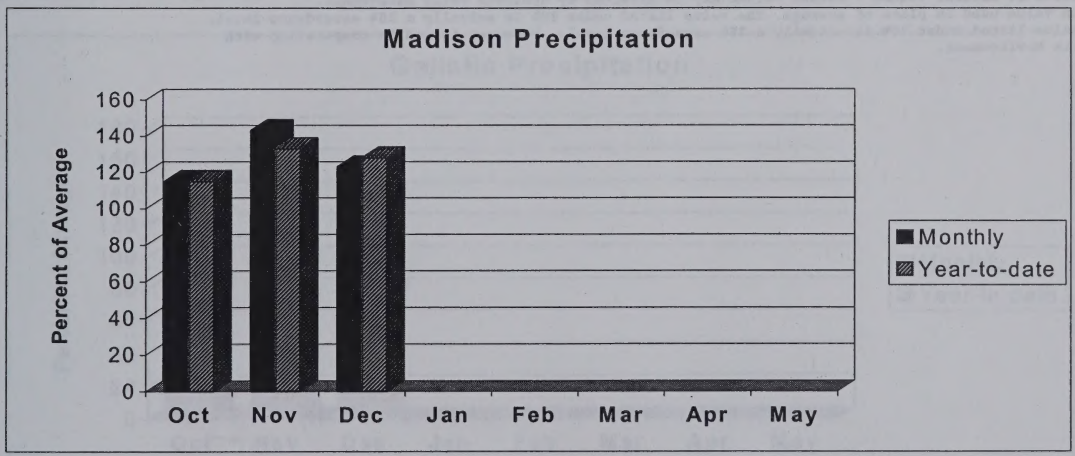
Mountain and valley precipitation during December was 91 percent of average and 59 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 87 percent of average and 79 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 103 percent to 112 percent.

Ennis Lake storage was 94 percent of average and 87 percent of last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 117 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 2.1 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
HEBGEN Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	335	385	420	108	455	505	390
	APR-SEP	435	495	535	107	575	635	500
ENNIS Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	630	720	780	115	840	930	680
	APR-SEP	785	890	965	114	1040	1150	850

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	29.6	34.0	31.5
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	312.5	315.7	267.6

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	6	133	114
MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	8	130	110
MADISON RIVER BASIN	14	132	112

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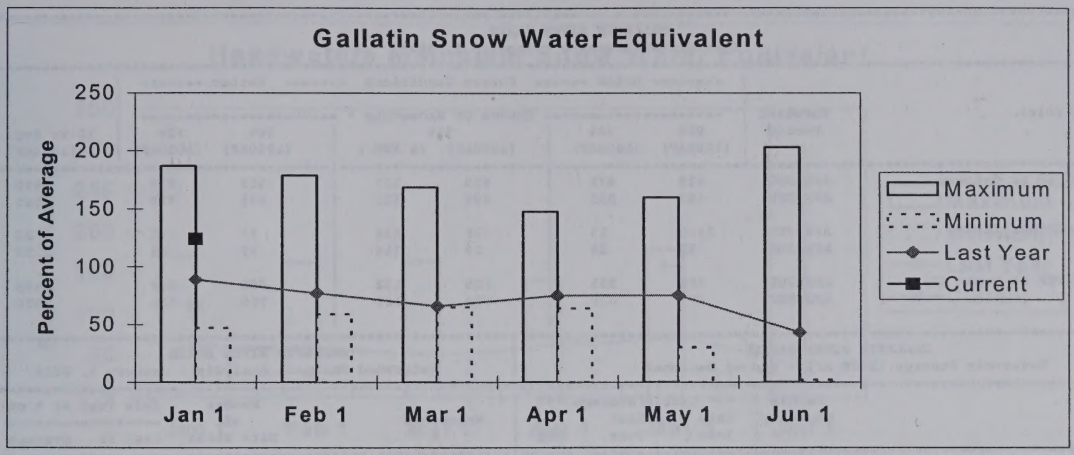
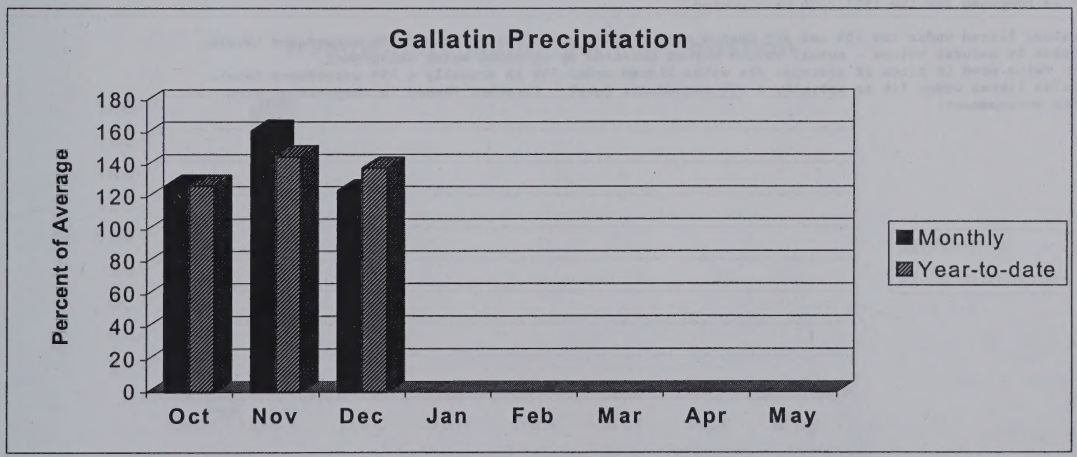
Gallatin River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Gallatin River Basin were above average and rank tenth highest of record. Snow water content was 124 percent of average and 139 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1966; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977and 2005; April maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1987; May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum in 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 125 percent of average and 151 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 114 percent of average and 223 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 138 percent of average and 162 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 106 percent to 118 percent.

Middle Creek storage was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 2.1 for the Gallatin River.

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
GALLATIN RIVER nr Gateway	APR-JUL	415	475	515	117	555	615	440
	APR-SEP	485	555	600	117	645	715	515
HYALITE RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	19.0	23	25	114	27	31	22
	APR-SEP	23	26	29	116	32	35	25
GALLATIN RIVER at Logan (2)	APR-JUL	400	525	605	122	685	810	495
	APR-SEP	475	610	700	123	790	925	570

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MIDDLE CREEK		NO REPORT		

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
UPPER GALLATIN	4	148	125
HYALITE	2	144	119
BRIDGER	2	119	126
GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	8	139	124

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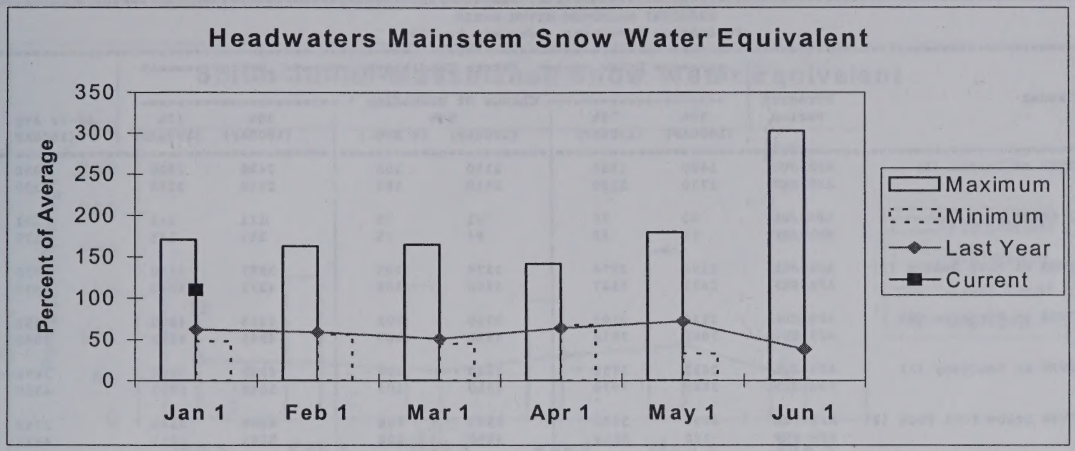
Missouri Mainstem River Basin

Snowpack conditions for the Missouri Mainstem were above average. Snow water content is 104 percent of average and 173 percent of last year. Snowpack in the Headwaters Missouri Mainstem River Basin were above average. Snow water content was 110 percent of average and 177 percent of last year.



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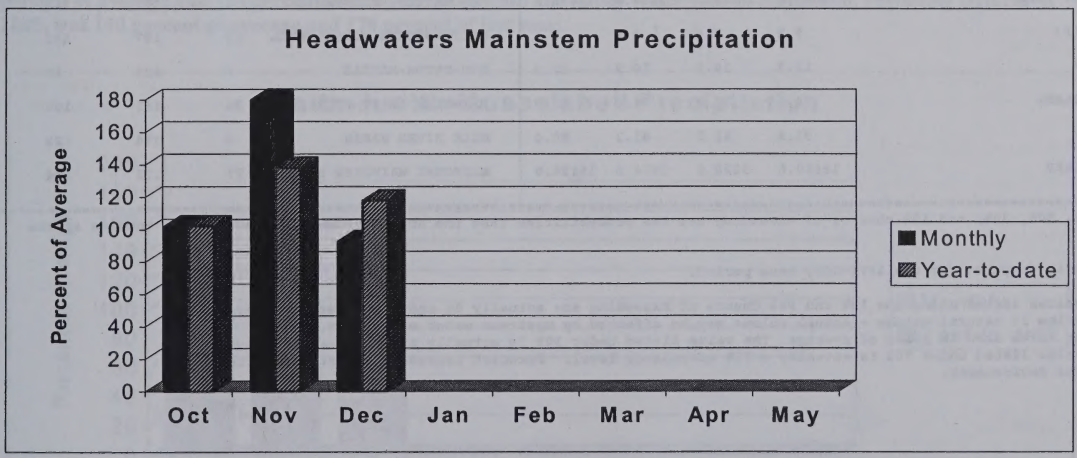
Mountain precipitation during December was 102 percent of average and 154 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 79 percent of average and 73 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 118 percent of average and 168 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 87 to 101 percent.

Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 86 percent of average and 102 percent of last year; Helena Valley storage was 158 percent of average and 136 percent of last year; Lake Helena storage was 87 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Hauser & Helena storage was 118 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Holter Lake storage was 101 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 61 percent of average and 158 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.2 in the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; -0.3 in the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; -1.1 in the Dearborn River near Craig; -1.4 in the Missouri River above Fort Peck; and -3.5 in the Missouri River below Fort Peck.

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
MISSOURI RIVER at Toston (2)	APR-JUL	1480	1880	2150	105	2420	2820	2050
	APR-SEP	1730	2190	2510	105	2830	3290	2390
DEARBORN nr Craig	APR-JUL	40	70	91	75	111	142	121
	APR-SEP	38	69	94	75	113	145	125
MISSOURI RIVER at Fort Benton (2)	APR-JUL	2191	2774	3170	106	3567	4120	2990
	APR-SEP	2631	3327	3800	106	4271	4940	3570
MISSOURI RIVER at Virgelle (2)	APR-JUL	2630	3303	3760	109	4215	4890	3450
	APR-SEP	3080	3872	4410	109	4946	5741	4060
MISSOURI RIVER nr Landusky (2)	APR-JUL	2632	3351	3840	104	4330	5050	3690
	APR-SEP	3085	3934	4510	104	5086	5931	4350
MISSOURI RIVER below Fort Peck (2)	APR-JUL	2735	3464	3960	106	4456	5186	3740
	APR-SEP	3172	4016	4590	106	5166	6011	4330
LAKE SAKAKAWEA Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	6750	8649	9940	102	11234	13134	9740
	APR-SEP	7840	9970	11300	101	12781	15340	11200

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
CANYON FERRY LAKE	2043.0	1429.0	1404.0	1670.3
HELENA VALLEY	9.2	7.6	5.6	4.8
LAKE HELENA	12.7	10.9	10.9	12.5
HAUSER & HELENA	74.6	74.0	74.0	62.9
HOLTER LAKE	81.9	81.2	81.3	80.0
FORT PECK LAKE	18910.0	9228.0	5836.0	15126.0

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	8	177	110
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	187	135
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	121	62
MAINSTEM ab FT PECK RES	24	161	100
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	374	128
MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	27	173	104

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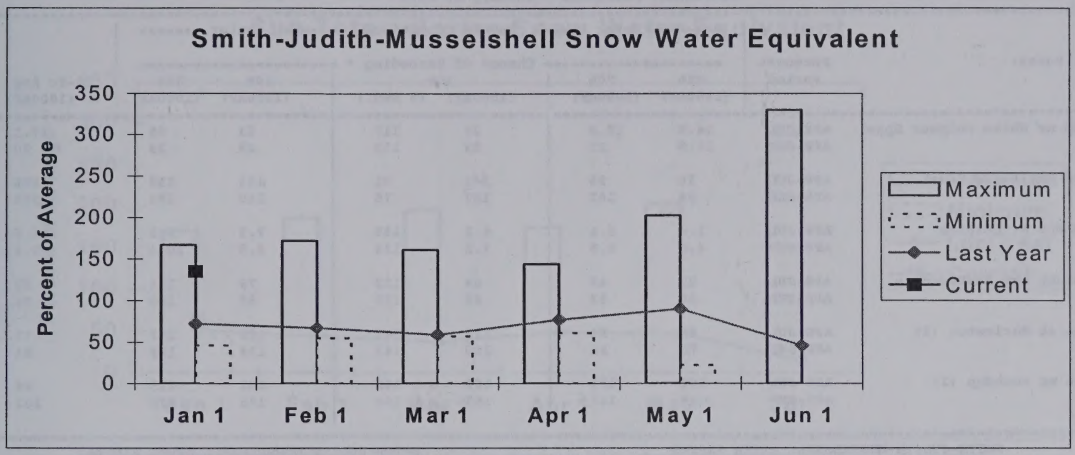
Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins

The combined snowpack conditions in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were well above average and rank eighth highest of record. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 130 percent of average and 176 percent of last year; in the Judith River Basin was 137 percent of average and 171 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell River Basin was 125 percent of average and 202 percent of last year.



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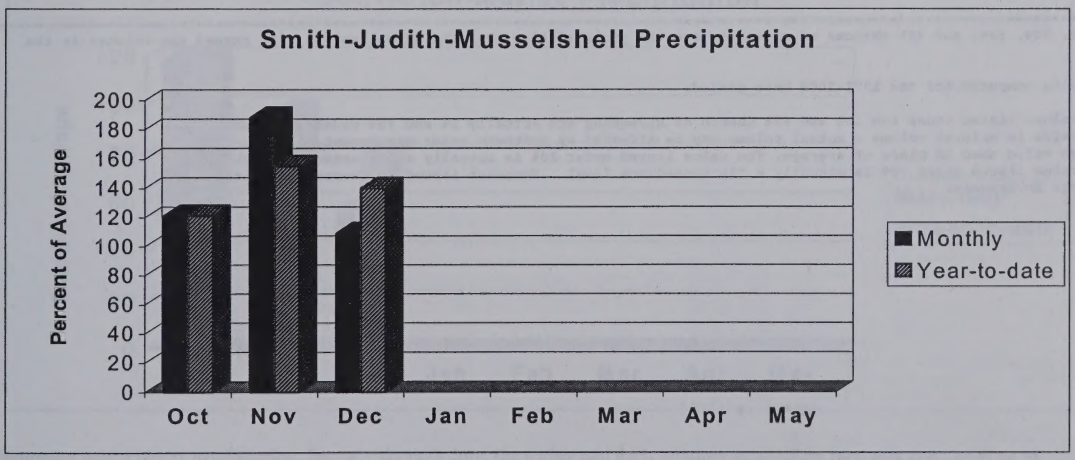
Mountain and valley precipitation during December in the Smith-Belts was 103 percent of average and 169 percent of last year; in the Judith was 112 percent of average and 142 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell was 113 percent of average and 194 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 140 percent of average and 178 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 124 to 127 percent.

Smith River storage was not available; Bair storage was 69 percent of average and 109 percent of last year; Martinsdale storage was 87 percent of average and 400 percent of last year; and Deadman's Basin was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.8 in the Smith River and 1.6 in the Musselshell River.

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
SHEEP CREEK nr White Sulphur Spgs.	APR-JUL	14.5	17.8	20	117	22	25	17.1
	APR-SEP	16.9	21	23	115	25	29	20
SMITH RIVER abv Eagle Creek	APR-JUL	30	96	141	81	186	250	175
	APR-SEP	34	107	157	75	210	280	210
NF MUSSELSHELL nr Delpine	APR-JUL	3.4	5.1	6.2	135	7.3	9.0	4.6
	APR-SEP	4.0	5.9	7.2	133	8.5	10.4	5.4
SF MUSSELSHELL abv Martinsdale	APR-JUL	27	49	64	123	79	101	52
	APR-SEP	30	53	69	123	85	108	56
MUSSELSHELL at Harlowton (2)	APR-JUL	69	94	111	144	128	153	77
	APR-SEP	73	98	116	143	134	159	81
MUSSELSHELL nr Roundup (2)	APR-JUL	106	138	160	162	182	215	99
	APR-SEP	108	141	163	160	185	220	102

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
SMITH RIVER		NO REPORT		
BAIR	7.0	2.4	2.2	3.5
MARTINSDALE	23.1	8.8	2.2	10.1
DEADMAN'S BASIN		NO REPORT		

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SMITH	6	176	130
JUDITH	4	171	137
MUSSELSHELL	3	202	125
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	187	135

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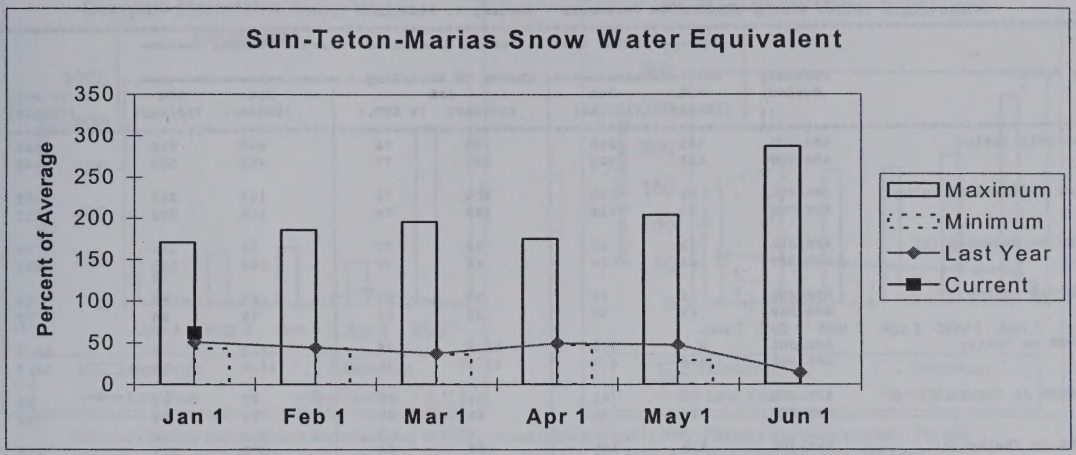
Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins

The combined snowpack conditions for the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were well below average and rank seventh lowest of record. Snow water content in the Sun River Basin was 68 percent of average and 121 percent of last year; in the Teton River Basin was 57 percent of average and 128 percent of last year; and in the Marias River Basin was 58 percent of average and 114 percent of last year.



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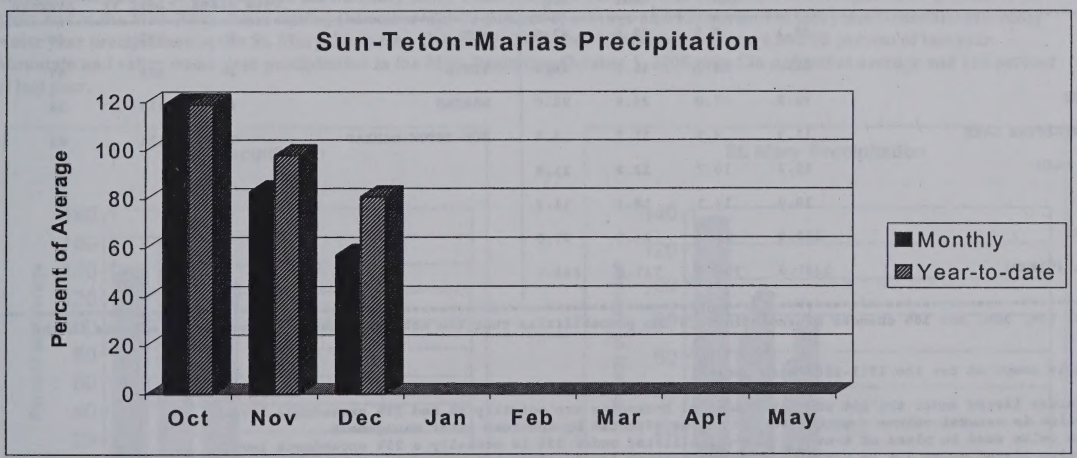
Mountain and valley precipitation during December in the Sun was 60 percent of average and 60 percent of last year; in the Teton was 61 percent of average and 68 percent of last year; and in the Marias was 56 percent of average and 84 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 81 percent of average and 109 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 47 to 68 percent.

Gibson storage was 21 percent of average and 27 percent of last year; Pishkun storage was 101 percent of average and 93 percent of last year; Willow Creek storage was 123 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was 114 percent of average and 85 percent of last year; Four Horns Lake storage was 91 percent of average and 78 percent of last year; Swift storage was 89 percent of average and 70 percent of last year; Lake Frances storage was 52 percent of average and 101 percent of last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 109 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.7 in the Sun River; -1.5 in the Teton River; -2.9 in the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks; -1.8 in the Marias River above Tiber, and -2.0 in the Marias below Tiber.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
GIBSON Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	184	280	350	76	420	515	460
	APR-SEP	220	325	390	77	455	555	505
TWO MEDICINE RIVER nr Browning	APR-JUL	52	110	150	73	189	249	205
	APR-SEP	60	119	159	74	198	258	215
BADGER CREEK nr Browning (2)	APR-JUL	33	59	76	77	93	119	99
	APR-SEP	43	70	89	77	108	135	115
SWIFT RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	21	39	52	81	65	83	64
	APR-SEP	29	49	62	81	75	95	77
DUPUYER CREEK nr Valier	APR-JUL	0.0	3.9	10.6	76	17.3	28	14.0
	APR-SEP	0.0	4.7	11.9	76	19.4	29	15.7
CUT BANK CREEK at Cut Bank	APR-JUL	22	41	54	67	67	86	81
	APR-SEP	26	46	60	67	74	94	90
MARIAS RIVER nr Shelby (2)	APR-JUL	3.0	160	265	64	370	525	415
	APR-SEP	8.0	165	275	63	385	540	440
TETON nr Dutton	APR-JUL	5.1	10.2	16.5	32	27	53	51
	APR-SEP	6.5	12.4	19.5	33	31	58	59

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
GIBSON	99.1	8.8	32.6	42.5
PISHKUN	32.0	18.1	19.5	18.0
WILLOW CREEK	32.2	27.0	26.9	22.0
LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE	11.9	9.9	11.7	8.7
FOUR HORNS LAKE	19.2	10.7	13.8	11.8
SWIFT	30.0	12.7	18.2	14.2
LAKE FRANCES	112.0	35.0	34.5	67.0
LAKE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	708.7	717.5	648.1

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SUN	2	121	68
TETON	3	128	57
MARIAS	4	114	58
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	121	62

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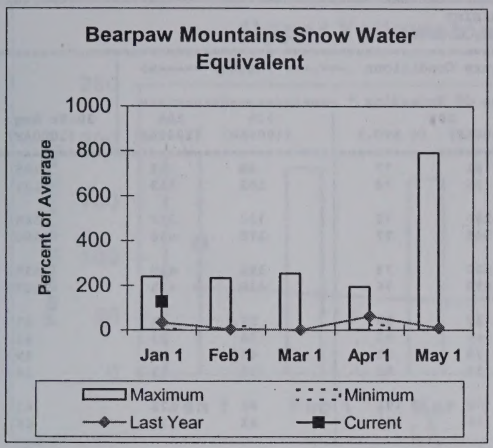
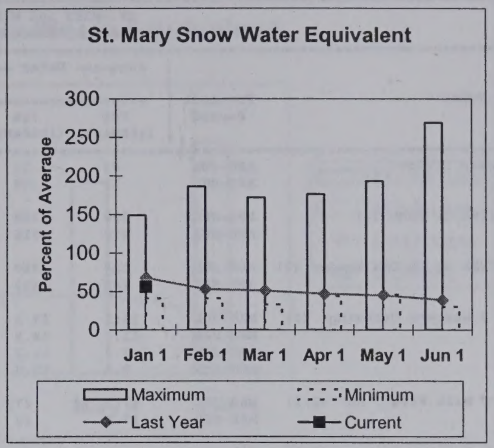
St. Mary and Milk River Basins

The combined snowpack conditions in the St. Mary and Milk River Basins were below average. Snow water content in the Saint Mary River Basin was 56 percent of average 82 percent of last year and ranks third lowest of record. The Milk River Basin (Bearpaw Mountains) was 128 percent of average and 374 percent of last.

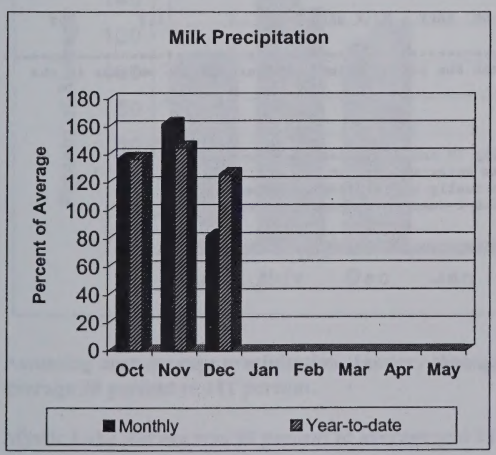


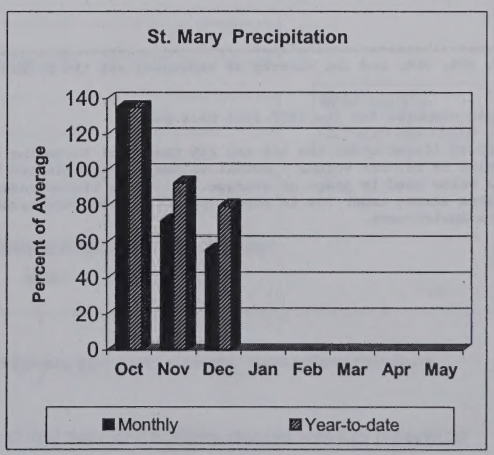


Bearpaw - January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was 1978 and minimum was in 1973; March maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was 2005; April maximum swe was in 1985 and minimum swe was in 1973, 1983, and 1986; May maximum swe was 1975 and the minimum, 0.0, has occurred in several years. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

St. Mary - January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1967 and 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 19972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation in the St. Mary River Basin during December was 56 percent of average and 67 percent of last year; and in the Milk River Basin during December was 82 percent of average and 134 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation in the St. Mary, beginning October 1, 2005, was 80 percent of average and 98 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation in the Milk, beginning October 1, 2005, was 126 percent of average and 156 percent of last year.





Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts in the St. Mary average 67 to 75 percent. In the Milk the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 46 to 92 percent.

Lake Sherburne storage was 151 percent of average and 106 percent of last year; Fresno storage was 90 percent of average and 122 percent of last year; Beaver Creek storage was 157 percent of average and 114 percent of last year; and Nelson storage was 103 percent of average and 88 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.2 for the Milk River.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
LAKE SHERBURNE Inflow	APR-JUL	63	74	81	77	88	99	105
	APR-SEP	77	88	95	78	102	113	122
ST. MARY RIVER nr Babb (2)	APR-JUL	220	260	290	75	320	360	385
	APR-SEP	270	315	345	77	375	420	450
ST. MARY RIVER at US/CAN Border (2)	APR-JUL	220	280	320	74	360	420	435
	APR-SEP	285	350	390	76	430	495	515
MILK RIVER @ Western Crossing (3)	MAR-JUL	11.1	17.6	37	90	56	81	41
	MAR-SEP	11.2	18.5	40	93	60	87	43
	APR-JUL	8.9	14.2	30	91	45	65	33
	APR-SEP	9.4	15.5	34	94	50	73	36
MILK RIVER @ Milk River, AB (2,3)	MAR-JUL	17.0	27	61	101	84	122	61
	MAR-SEP	17.1	28	66	101	91	133	66
MILK RIVER @ Eastern Crossing(2,3)	MAR-JUL	37	35	76	91	112	162	83
	MAR-SEP	22	37	83	95	120	175	88
BEAVER CREEK near Havre	MAR-JUL	1.1	5.3	8.1	84	10.9	15.1	9.6

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LAKE SHERBURNE	64.3	35.4	33.5	23.5
FRESNO	127.0	46.7	38.3	51.8
BEAVER CREEK	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.1
NELSON	66.8	36.6	41.6	35.7

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
ST. MARY	2	82	56
BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	4	374	128
CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	374	128
ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	6	118	72

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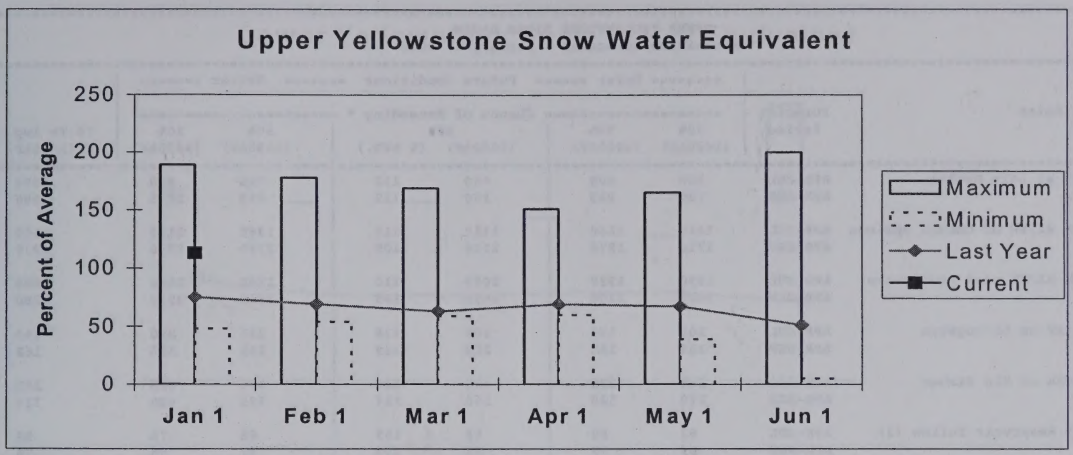
Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were above average and rank ninth highest of record. Snow water content was 113 percent of average and 151 percent of last year.



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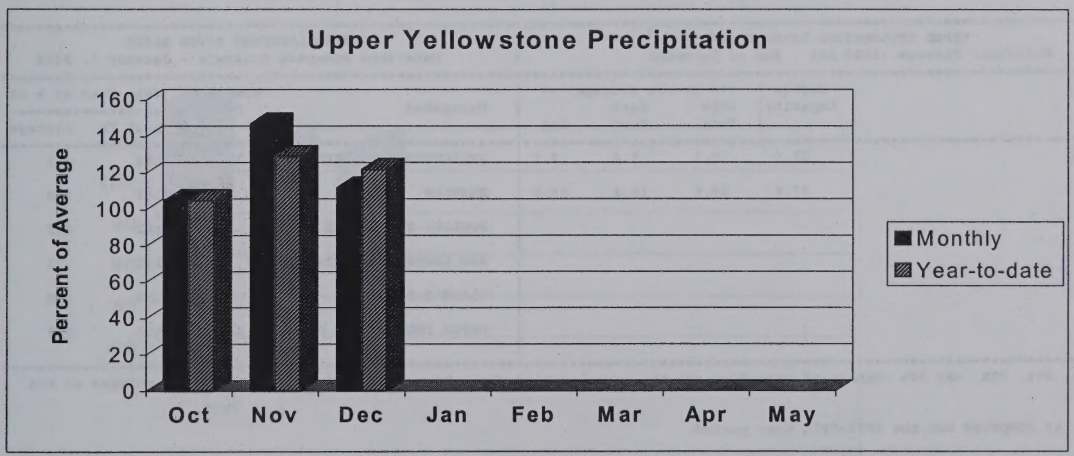
Mountain precipitation during December was 116 percent of average and 153 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 74 percent of average and 218 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 122 percent of average and 15 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 98 percent to 111 percent.

Mystic Lake storage was 98 percent of average and 120 percent of last year and Cooney storage was 126 percent of average and 97 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 1.4 in the Yellowstone River above Livingston; 2.9 in the Shields River; 2.5 in the Boulder River; 1.1 in the Stillwater River; 0.5 in the Rock/Red lodge Creeks; 1.3 in the Clarks Fork River; and 1.4 in the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
YELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet	APR-JUL	520	605	660	112	715	800	590
	APR-SEP	720	825	900	112	975	1075	805
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Corwin Springs	APR-JUL	1440	1660	1810	110	1960	2180	1650
	APR-SEP	1710	1970	2150	109	2330	2590	1970
YELLOWSTONE RIVER near Livingston	APR-JUL	1690	1930	2090	110	2250	2490	1900
	APR-SEP	2020	2300	2490	109	2680	2960	2280
SHIELDS RIVER nr Livingston	APR-JUL	109	163	200	138	235	290	145
	APR-SEP	124	185	225	139	265	325	162
BOULDER RIVER at Big Timber	APR-JUL	245	295	330	116	365	415	285
	APR-SEP	270	325	360	114	395	450	315
MYSTIC LAKE Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	53	60	64	109	68	75	59
	APR-SEP	69	77	82	108	87	95	76
STILLWATER RIVER nr Absarokee (2)	APR-JUL	415	480	525	106	570	635	495
	APR-SEP	495	570	620	106	670	745	585
CLARKS FORK RIVER nr Belfry	APR-JUL	455	515	560	104	605	665	540
	APR-SEP	505	575	620	104	665	735	595
COONEY RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	15.1	32	43	92	54	71	47
	APR-SEP	24	41	53	93	65	82	57
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings (2)	APR-JUL	2910	3460	3830	109	4200	4750	3510
	APR-SEP	3420	4060	4500	109	4940	5580	4120

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MYSTIC LAKE	21.0	9.1	7.6	9.3
COONEY	27.4	18.9	19.4	15.0

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	14	152	111
SHIELDS	4	144	140
BOULDER-STILLWATER	3	162	125
RED LODGE-ROCK CREEK	1	132	71
CLARK'S FORK	7	158	109
UPPER YELLOWSTONE BASIN	25	151	113

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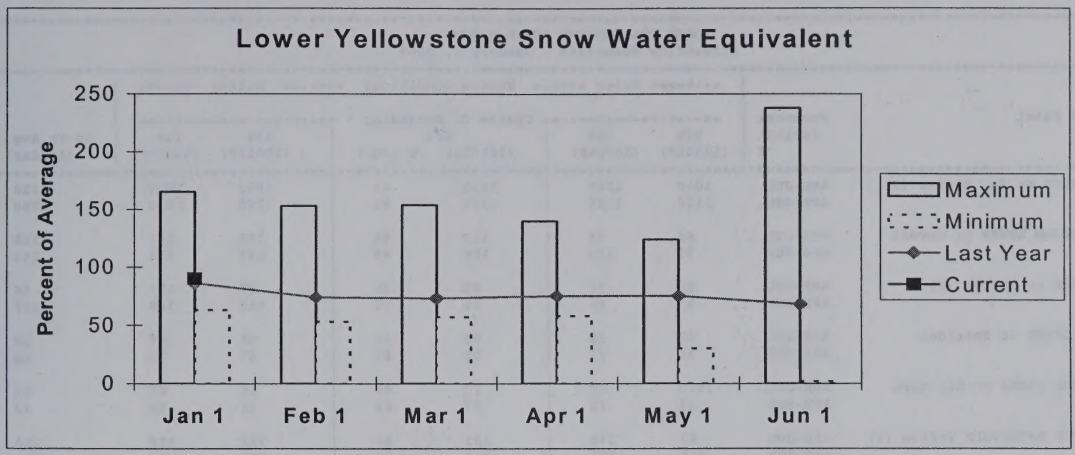
Lower Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were below average. Snow water content was 90 percent of average and 104 percent of last year.



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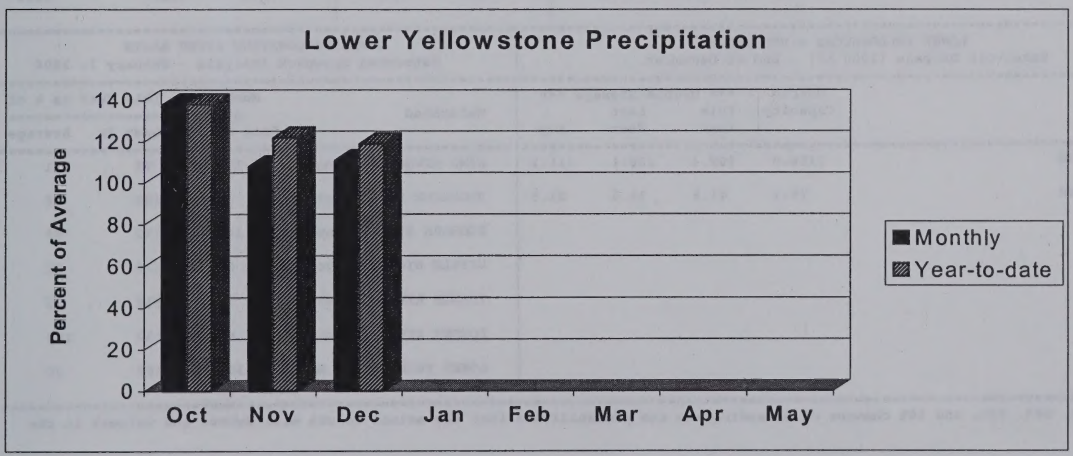
Mountain and valley precipitation during December was 111 percent of average and 136 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 119 percent of average and 135 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 79 to 93 percent.

Bighorn Lake storage was 100 percent of average and 132 percent of last year and Tongue River storage was 186 percent of average and 114 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.2 in the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; 0.4 in the Little Bighorn River; 0.7 in the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; 0.0 in the Tongue River; and 1.0 in the Powder River.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
BIGHORN RIVER nr St. Xavier (2)	APR-JUL	1010	1260	1430	89	1600	1850	1610
	APR-SEP	1110	1380	1570	89	1760	2030	1760
LITTLE BIGHORN RIVER nr Hardin	APR-JUL	64	93	113	88	133	162	128
	APR-SEP	73	105	126	88	147	179	144
TONGUE RIVER nr Dayton (2)	APR-JUL	56	73	85	89	97	114	96
	APR-SEP	67	86	98	90	110	129	109
BIG GOOSE CREEK nr Sheridan	APR-JUL	22	35	44	85	53	66	52
	APR-SEP	30	43	52	87	61	74	60
LITTLE GOOSE CREEK nr Big Horn	APR-JUL	19.0	26	30	88	34	41	34
	APR-SEP	25	32	37	88	42	49	42
TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	93	148	185	84	221	276	220
	APR-SEP	113	171	210	84	250	305	250
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Miles City (2)	APR-JUL	4070	4900	5470	102	6040	6870	5360
	APR-SEP	4700	5670	6330	102	6990	7960	6210
POWDER RIVER at Moorehead	APR-JUL	80	140	181	88	221	281	205
	APR-SEP	102	164	205	89	245	310	230
POWDER RIVER near Locate	APR-JUL	168	205	230	98	255	290	235
	APR-SEP	187	225	255	98	285	325	260
YELLOWSTONE RIVER nr Sidney (2)	APR-JUL	4200	5060	5640	103	6220	7080	5480
	APR-SEP	4810	5790	6460	103	7130	8110	6280

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	909.4	688.4	911.1
TONGUE RIVER	79.1	41.8	36.6	22.5

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	12	91	91
SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	6	129	86
BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	16	119	89
LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	2	110	91
TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	7	112	96
POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	6	114	103
LOWER YELLOWSTONE BASIN (	31	104	90

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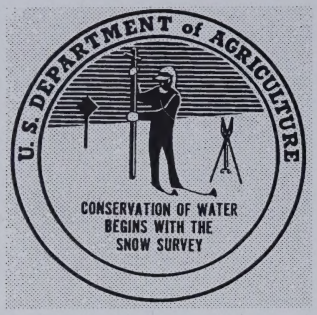

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